



State Senator Angela Paxton

Senate District 8

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Application

In 2009, the Texas Legislature created the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program. The purpose of the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program is to encourage students to become members of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard, the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Merchant Marine, or to become commissioned officers in any branch of the armed services of the United States. Each year the governor and the lieutenant governor may each appoint two students, and each state senator and each state representative may appoint one student to receive an initial conditional scholarship award.

Application requirements:

Students from Senate District 8 may apply for the scholarship by sending the following application packet to Senator Paxton:

- ☐ Application Form
- ☐ Resume (including name, address, email, phone number)
- ☐ One-page letter detailing how this scholarship would help student to achieve his or her goals.

Applications may be sent to Senator Paxton

by e-mail to Angela.Paxton@senate.texas.gov;

by mail to P.O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas, 78711; OR by fax to (512) 463-7579.

If you have any questions please contact Julia St. John in Senator Paxton's Office at Julia.stjohn@senate.texas.gov.

Our deadline to receive the applications is **July 31, 2021**. Sen. Paxton must notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of our selection for appointment by August 31, 2021.

Eligibility:

To be considered for a scholarship a student must meet two of the four academic criteria:

- 1) Be on track to graduate or have graduated high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP), the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School program, or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program;
- 2) Have a current high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- 3) Achieve a college readiness score of 1070 on the SAT or 23 on the ACT; and
- 4) Be currently ranked at the top one-third of the student's high school graduating class.

To be chosen to receive the scholarship in fall 2021 the student must:

- 1) Be registered with Selective Service or be exempt;
- 2) Be enrolled and in good standing in a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program or another undergraduate commissioning program;
- 3) Maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) as indicated by the financial aid office at the recipient's institution of higher education;
- 4) Complete school-initiated TASSP application by October 15, 2021
- 5) Be enrolled in a Texas public or private accredited college or university in the fall 2021/spring 2022 academic year; and
- 6) Enter into an agreement with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).
- 7) Repay the scholarship if requirements are not met

If a student fails to meet the requirements to initially receive a scholarship or fails to complete the application process by October 15, the student forfeits the scholarship. The THECB will notify the legislative office of their nominee's change in eligibility so that the legislator can submit an alternate student.

To receive a scholarship, the student must enter into an agreement with the THECB. The agreement must require the student to:

- 1) Complete four years of ROTC training;
- 2) Graduate no later than six years after the date the student first enrolls in an institution of higher education;
- 3) After graduation, enter into and provide the THECB with verification of one of the following:
 - a four-year commitment to be a member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine; or
 - enter into a contract to serve as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States;
- 4) Meet the physical examination requirements and all other prescreening requirements of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine or the branch of the armed services with which the student enters into a contract; and
- 5) Agree to repay the scholarship if the student:
 - fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress;
 - withdraws from the scholarship program;
 - fails to fulfill a commitment or contract as described above;

- does not submit documentation of the contract or commitment to the THECB

For more information, please visit: <http://www.hhloans.com/index.cfm?ObjectID=8FB593C7-EE1E-7872-00A8808886543AEE>

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Application for Nomination

Name: _____

Physical Home Address: _____

Date of Birth:_____ Sex:_____

Home Phone:_____ Cell Phone:_____

E-mail Address: _____

High School:_____

Graduation Date:_____

GPA:_____ Class Rank:_____

SAT or ACT Score:_____

Are you a member in good standing of your high school ROTC program?_____

Are you on track to graduate or did graduate high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP), or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB)?

Counselor Name:_____School Phone:_____

University or College you plan on attending/are attending:_____

Do you plan on participating/currently participate in this school's ROTC program?
